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Rule "free shipping"
If
the shopping cart subtotal is over 50.00
the item qualifies for free shipping
then
exclude the item from shipping calculation

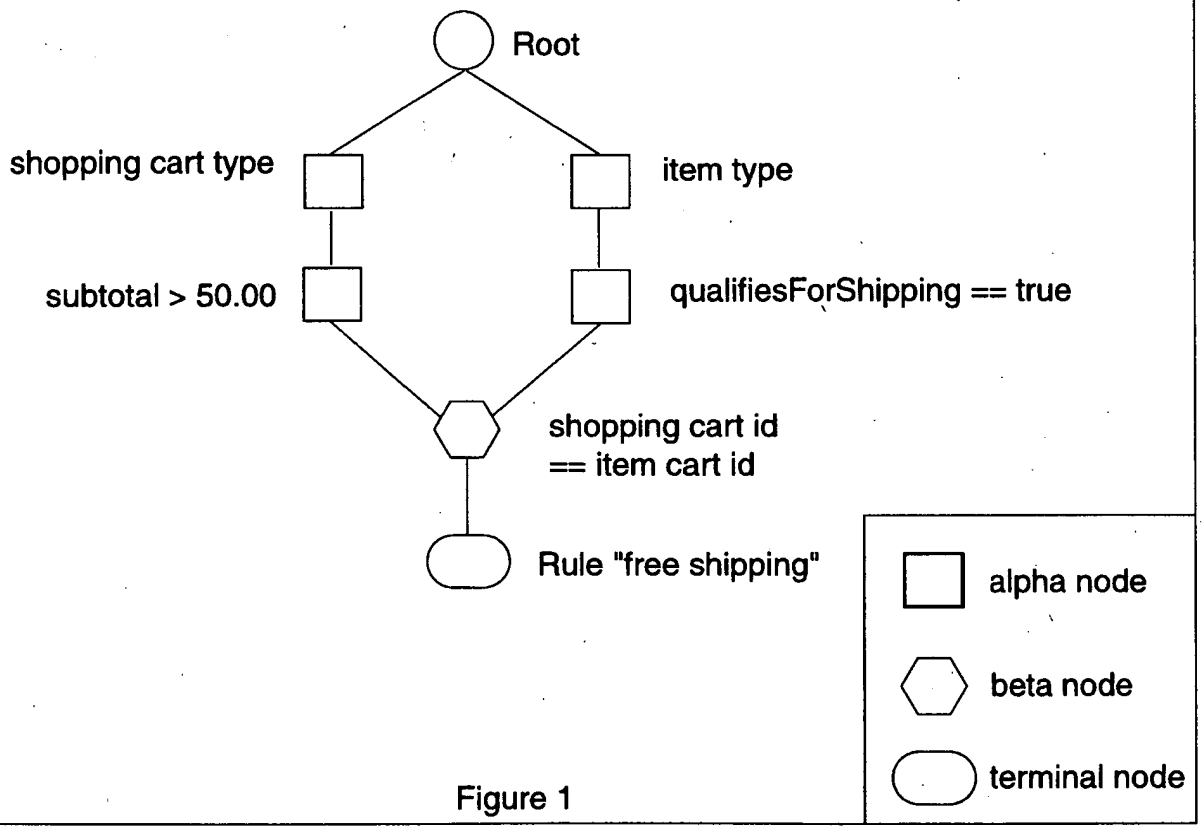

Figure 1

Data is partitioned over several rule engines

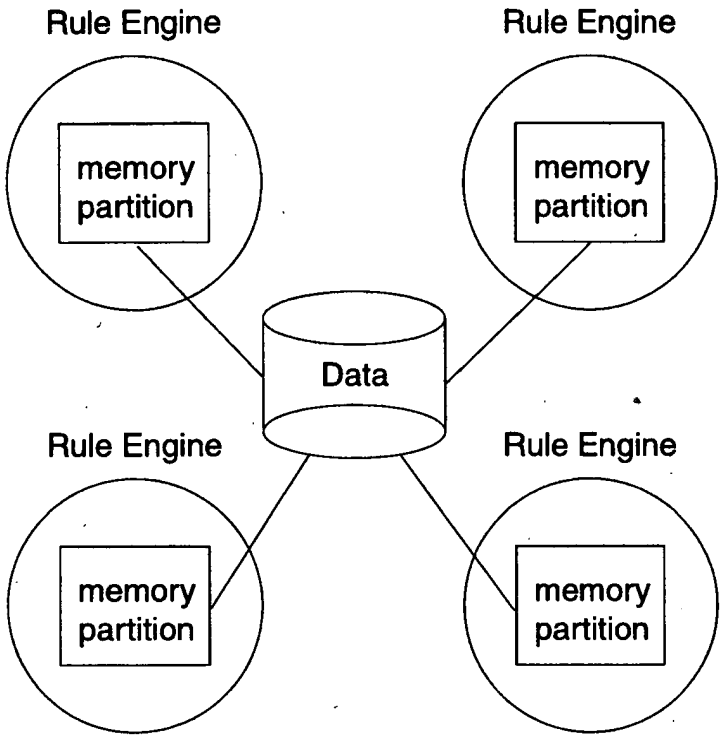

Figure 2

1 and 2 input nodes are distributed to other rule engine instances at runtime. When facts are added to the application, the system distributes them for maximum efficiency.

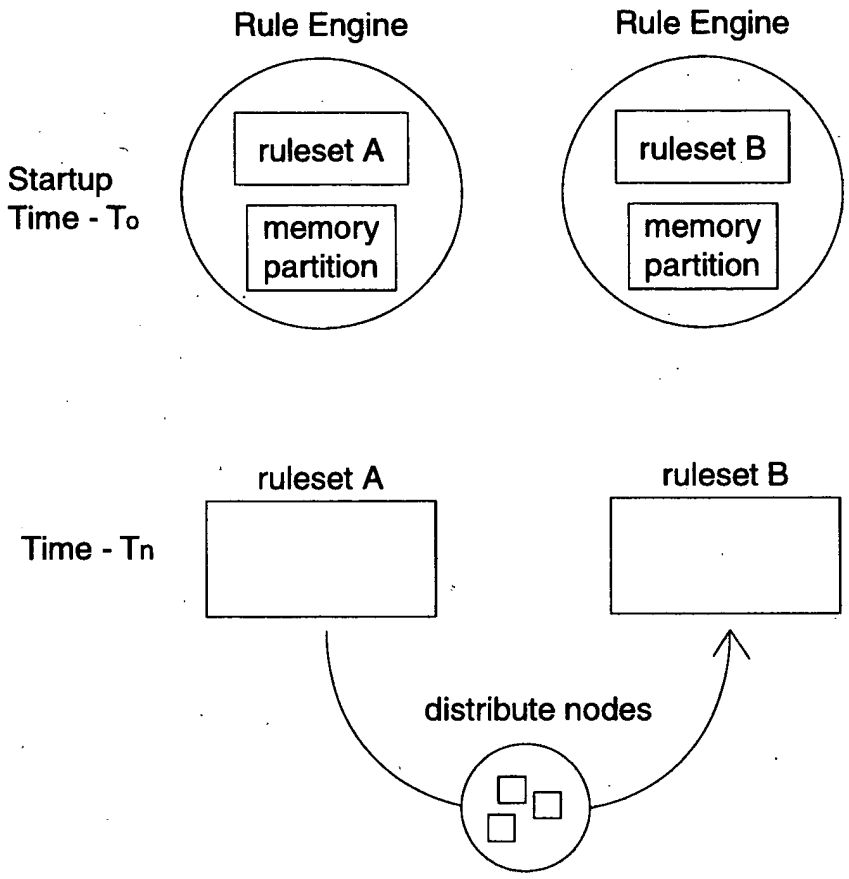

Figure 3